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REMARKS

On page 2 of the Action, claims 1 to 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

In view of the rejections, claim 1 has been canceled, and claims 2, 5, 6, 11, 12, 16, and 17 have been amended to overcome the rejections and/or correct clerical errors.

More specifically, in claims 1 and 12, "with pulse energy 10^5 J per pulse" has been changed to "with pulse energy at least 10^5 J per pulse". This limitation is supported at lines 4-5 on page 8 of the specification. Further, "between 10^{11} W/cm² and 10^{12} W/cm²" has been changed to "at least 10^{11} W/cm²". This limitation is supported at line 5 on page 14 of the specification.

In claims 5 and 16, "between 0.1 nanoseconds and 1 nanoseconds" has been changed to "at least 0.1 nanoseconds". This limitation is supported at lines 5-6 on page 8 of the specification.

In claim 11, "and pressure, but not higher than 150°C" has been changed to "no higher than 300°K". This limitation is supported at line 28 on page 15 of the specification.

In claims 6 and 17, "between 10^{11} W/cm² and 10^{12} W/cm²" has been deleted.

On page 2 of the Action, claims 1 to 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

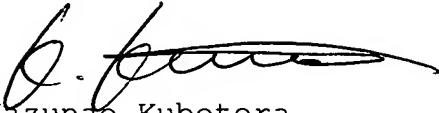
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In view of the rejections, claims 1 and 8 have been canceled, and claims 2, 6, and 11 have been amended to overcome the rejections.

With the amendments, the applicant believes that the application is in the condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Kubotera', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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